

Remarks

Claims 1-17 and 19-30 are currently pending in the patent application. For the reasons and arguments set forth below, Applicant respectfully submits that the claimed invention is allowable over the cited references.

The non-final Office Action dated November 26, 2007 listed the following rejections: claims 1-9 and 11-30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over Launiainen (U.S. 7,114,089); claim 10 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Launiainen in view of the Official Notice and further in view of Dinechin (U.S. 2003/0177482); and claim 18 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112(1) and 35 U.S.C. § 101.

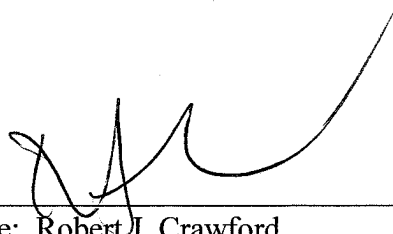
Applicant respectfully traverses the § 102(b) rejection of claims 1-9 and 11-30 because the Launiainen reference does not qualify as prior art under § 102(b). The Launiainen reference was first published on April 10, 2003, which is after Applicant's priority date of December 4, 2002. Applicant appreciates the courtesy extended by Examiner Cao during the telephone conversations on February 19, 2008. Per these conversations, it is Applicant's understanding that the § 102(b) rejection of claims 1-9 and 11-30 will be withdrawn and that Examiner Cao will be issuing a new Office Action. Applicant is responding to the instant Office Action in an abundance of caution. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the § 102(b) rejection of claims 1-9 and 11-30 be withdrawn.

Regarding the § 112(1) and § 101 rejections of claim 18, Applicant requested that claim 18 be cancelled in the Appeal Brief dated August 30, 2007, thus, please cancel claim 18.

In view of the remarks above, Applicant believes that each of the rejections has been overcome and the application is in condition for allowance. Should there be any remaining issues that could be readily addressed over the telephone, the Examiner is asked to contact the agent overseeing the application file, Peter Zawilski, of Philips Corporation at (408) 474-9063.

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